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Results of the revised survey to establish the standard rate of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/261 on the report of the Senior Advisory Group on rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the revised survey to establish the standard rate of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/261 on the report of the Senior Advisory Group on rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries (A/68/813). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General who provided additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 22 April 2014.

2. The report of the Secretary-General is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/261, in which the Assembly approved the conclusions and recommendations of the Senior Advisory Group, as summarized in section IV of its report on rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries and related issues (A/C.5/67/10, annex).

3. In approving the recommendations of the Senior Advisory Group, the General Assembly replaced the survey process approved in 2009, which was never completed. The recommendations of the Group regarding the reimbursement framework, including the revised survey methodology, are set out in paragraphs 109 to 117 of its report. The Secretary-General outlines the revised survey methodology, including information on the selection of sample countries, the questionnaire and the data collected, and provides the cost data collected through the revised survey process (A/68/813, sect. IV).

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4. The General Assembly also approved two additional premium payments that could potentially be paid to troop- and police-contributing countries: (a) a premium for units operating without restrictions and caveats acquitting themselves well despite exceptional levels of risk ("risk" premium); and (b) a premium for a limited number of key enabling capacities. The Secretary-General provides further detail on how the premiums will be implemented from 1 July 2014, as well as proposals for financing the payment of the premiums (ibid., sect. V).

5. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in paragraph 78 of the report of the Secretary-General. The Assembly is requested, inter alia, to review the rates of reimbursement to countries contributing uniformed personnel to United Nations peacekeeping operations, to establish a dedicated fund to finance the payment of premiums and to decide on the funding and replenishment of that fund. **The Advisory Committee is of the view that the above-mentioned actions constitute policy matters to be decided by the General Assembly.**